

Joel Park Residents' Association
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
17th November 2021
8pm at The Dog and Duck, Emmbrook

1. Welcome and Apologies

Steve Sansom (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed Rachel Bishop-Firth, one of our local councillors. Apologies had been received from Chris Jordan..

2. Chairman's Address

Thanks were given to the committee members for all their hard work, the residents for their support, local groups and organisations which work with the HPRA and to the landlord and staff at The Dog and Duck for hosting the AGM.

The Chairman then gave an overview of the last 2 years which is summarised below:

At the start of 2019 there were plans for a community litter pick, a scarecrow trail, Party in the Park and the Carol Concert. All plans were halted by the lockdown in March. The committee continued to meet via Zoom and we did the best we could given that WIFI was not always reliable. Topics covered in the meetings included the Greenways project along Jubilee Avenue. the proposal to build houses and a care home at Toutley Road and the traveller incursion on Joel Park. The Chairman extended his thanks on behalf of the community to the town council for dealing with the incursion rapidly and for organising the clean-up afterwards.

Unfortunately, plans for Party in the Park in July 2021 had to be cancelled due to the pandemic but plans are in place for the Carol Concert at the Dog and Duck in December.

Production of the newsletter has begun again and the Chairman thanked all involved in its publication and distribution.

It was with sadness that the Chairman had to report the death of Paul Gallagher who was chair of the ERA. The two associations worked closely together to support the Emmbrook community and he will be greatly missed.

3. Treasurer's Report

The accounts have been audited and currently there is £961 in the current account and £167 in the reserve account.

4. Committee Nominations

Steve Sansom was proposed and seconded as Chairman.
Anne Constable was proposed and seconded as Secretary.
Bob Tizzard was proposed and seconded as Treasurer.

Chris Jordan was proposed and seconded as Membership Secretary.

5. Questions to the Committee

There were no questions to the committee. The Chair has received number of queries regarding the Greenways which will be covered when the committee meets with Andrew Fletcher from the Council on the 24th November.

6 Richard Millington has joined the Thames Valley Police Information and Advisory Group - Steve will contact him to arrange a meeting.

Rachel Bishop-Firth answered a number of questions from the committee regarding fly-tipping, anti-social behaviour and issues with the developers. She encouraged everyone to contact local councillors with any concerns so that they can be raised with the relevant authorities.